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BOX PATENT APPLICATION

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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Re: Application of Shinobu TANAKA
SINGLE LEVER WITH BUTTON FOR SELECTIVELY CONTROLLING
EITHER TILT OR LIFT OF A FORKLIFT MECHANISM.
Assignee: NIPPON YUSOKI CO., LTD.
Our Ref: Q63518

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Continuation Application of pending prior Application No. 09/411,256 filed October 4, 1999 of Shinobu TANAKA, entitled SINGLE LEVER WITH BUTTON FOR SELECTIVELY CONTROLLING EITHER TILT OR LIFT OF A FORKLIFT MECHANISM.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, 4 sheets of drawings, and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application. Also enclosed is a copy of the Assignment, an Information Disclosure Statement, a PTO Form 1449 listing references cited by applicant and/or the examiner during prosecution of the parent application. A submission of Formal Drawings is also enclosed.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 2167.

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: *now Patent No. 6,273,669,*

--This is a continuation of Application No. 09/411,256 filed October 4, 1999, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.--

Priority is claimed from October 2, 1998 based on Japanese Application No. 10-280623. The priority document was filed in parent Application No. 09/411,256.

A Preliminary Amendment is being submitted herewith.

After entry of the Preliminary Amendment, the Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>9</u> - 20	=	<u> </u>	x	\$18.00	=	<u> </u>	\$0.00
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Base Fee								\$710.00

TOTAL FILING FEE \$710.00

A check for the statutory fee of \$710.00 is attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and any

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petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,
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